

Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations 2009 LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES

The following legislative objectives for 2009 were adopted by the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) on August 13, 2008. These are the top legislative objectives of the 23 Veterans Service Organizations represented on the JLC.

- <u>TurboVet System</u>: The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly fully fund the development and deployment of the TurboVet System.
- <u>Homeless Veterans Study</u>: The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly fund a study to examine the current level of services provided to homeless veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the need for and cost of additional services.
- <u>Burial Vaults for Virginia State Veterans Cemeteries</u>: The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly appropriate funds so that burial vaults may be provided at no cost at Virginia state veterans cemeteries.
- Real Estate Tax Relief for 100% Disabled Veterans: The JLC requests that Governor and General Assembly pass legislation to amend the Virginia Constitution that would require local governments to grant real estate tax exemptions for 100% disabled veterans without regard to means testing.
- <u>Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children</u>: The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly enact HB395 (2008), *Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children*.
- <u>Military Family Relief Fund</u>: The JLC requests that the Governor and General Assembly enact legislation such that benefits paid from the Military Family Relief Fund shall be nontaxable.